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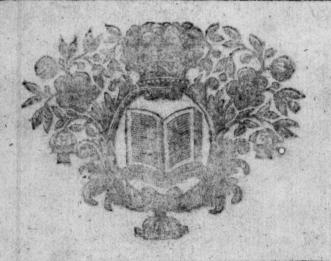
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The Right Honourable

NATHANAEL, Lord CREWE,

Lord BISHOP of

DURHAM.

May it pleafe your Lordship

My Lord,

Bout Ten Years since I did my self the Honour to present to your Lordship's own Hands,
the Account of the Rebuilding and Endowment of WINLATON CHAPEL, which, by
your Lordship's Permission, was begun, and by your
Influence happily sinish'd, and by which the numerous Factory of Smiths then there employ'd in manufacturing the Iron Naval Stores of Her late Sacred
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The late Right Reverend Father in God the Right Honourable Henry, Lord Bishop of London, having perus'd and permitted the printing of the said Account, and the great Satisfaction your Lordship was pleas'd to express upon receiving the first printed Edition of the same, makes me humbly presume this second will not be altogether unacceptable: And I can't but account it a peculiar Happiness, that after so many Years are past, I can yet address it to your Lordship.

May it please your Lordship,

Whatever the Sentiments of some at present may be, there is nothing, I most humbly conceive, more grateful to Heaven, or which God in this World hath shew a more publick Marks of Favour to, than erecting Places for Divine Worship to the Honour of his Name.— Your Lordship full well knows how the Ahnighty rewarded King David's Piety, by conferring upon him the Throne of * Israel, and his sure Mercies therewith, not only for himself, but also for his Seed for ever after; in that it was only in David's Heart to build a Honse for the Lord.— And as this suffered was mader the Law, I most humbly

beg your Lordship's Indulgence, just to mention that given in the Gospel by our Lord Jesus, the Almighty, Very, and Eternal God, who, whilst here on Earth, and cloath'd with Humanity, graciously condescended to work a Miracle, and cur'd the good Centurion's Servant at the instant Request of the Jewish Elders, who us'd no other Argument to our Lord, but that he was worthy for whom our Savi"our should do this;—for he is a Lover of our "Nation, * and hath built us a Synagogue.—Then "Jesus went with them,—and they that were sent "returning to the House, found the Servant whole "that had been sick.

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After these two Glorious Instances of the Divine Favour given by God the Father, and God the Son, it can't but be a great Satisfaction to your Lordship to reflect, how many Souls (within your Lordship's Care) were preserved in the Faith, by the seasonable Building the Chapel before-mention'd; which doth not only continue in a flourishing Condition, but there are two other Charity-Schools added to that then founded: And the, My Lord, the high Sphere in which your Lordship hath for so many Fears (so deservedly) moved, render'd it almost impossible

ble to receive as a Reward for what Share your Lordship had in that good Undertaking, any Addition of temporal Blessings here; yet with what Transports of Pleasure may your Lordship reslect on the great Promises made by the Rock of Ages of the glorious Rewards hereafter, since He who cannot lye hath positively assur'd us, That when Strength, Riches, and Honour shall all be past and gone; ‡ That "they that be wife shall shine as the brightness of the Firmament, and they that turn many to "Righteousness, as the Stars for ever and ever."

As for my own part, My Lord, the Share I bore in that good Work, as God was pleas'd to crown it with Success, I humbly hope it will not be the last Comfort I shall have in the Hour of Death, and in the interim (however my Lot may be) I can't but account it my peculiar Happiness, as 'tis my inward Satisfaction to have the Honour of the Testimonial of the oldest Christian Bishop in the whole World, that the Service I did the Church therein was Very Considerable.

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As 'tis with all humble Submission I've presum'd to mention your Lordship's Testimonial, so I beg Leave in this place to return my most humble

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and hearty Thanks to those two Noble Peers, and hearty Friends to Episcopacy, and Old England's true Interest, viz. the Right Honourable Henry, Earl of Rochester, and the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Middleton, for what Favours their Lordships have graciously condescended to do on my Account; for the Service I therein did the Church.

May it please your Lordship,

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Having now dispatch'd what properly relates to the Narrative, according to the Custom in Dedications, I humbly conceive, it may be expected that I should attempt to enumerate your Lordship's eminent Virtues, and shew the unprecedented Honour your Lordship bath in uniting the CORONET and MITRE.--But, My Lord, as writing Panegyricks was never my Province, and as it lies not in my Power to add one Ray of Glory to your Lordship's Great, Extensive Character, I wholly therefore refer that Matter, to some of the most able Pens of the famous and learned University of Oxford in general, and Lincoln-College in particular, who lye under such sensible Obligations to your Lordship, for those truly Great and Noble Benefactions your Lordship bath already bestow'd upon them.

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My Lord, Story out Story of the Thirty bear

As the Moments of the Great are precious, I Shall not presume to intrude further upon your Lordship's Pavience, but only crave leave most bumbly to add,---Viz, May GOD long, yet very long, continue your Lordship to adorn the Throne of DURHAM, to the Comfort of your Lordship's own Learned and Orthodox Clergy, and to the absolute Disappointment of any Person however dignify'd or distinguish'd, who, under the specious Pretence of Moderation and Sincerity, would destroy the very Fundamentals of all Christianity, and thereby (as much as in him lies) endeavours to render the CROSS and the Crescent upon an Æquilibrium.

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HE Author of the following Narrative, about Five Years since, having the Management of the Factory of Smiths, at Winlaton, in the Bishoprick of Durham, amounting with their Families, Dependents, &c. to above Two Thousand; abundance of which are employ'd in manufacturing HER SACRED MA-JESTY'S Iron Naval Stores .-- The Town lying some Miles distant from any Church, and the Workmen being generally very ignorant in Religious Matters; the Romish Priests taking the Advantage of the Premisses, and having come and set up a Mass-House at one End of the Town, the Diffenting-Teachers came and set up a Conventicle at the other, whereby not only the Factory, but likewise the Inhabitants of all the adjacent Villages, were in very great Danger to be seduced by them.

Whereupon the Author hereof, viewing, with great Pity and Concern, the Danger to which these People

People were expos'd, resolv'd, by God's Assistance to stand in the Gap against these Attempts; an tho' he was fully sensible, how unequal he was for s great a Work; yet it being the Cause of GOD an his Church, he rather chose to expose himself to th greatest Dangers might happen, than in the leas be wanting to use his utmost Endeavours for the Preservation: And he humbly hop'd, that none (i this Case) could truly blame him for want of tru Moderation, tho' (out of Principle) he endea vour'd to preserve, those whom these Intruders (on of Design) attempted to pervert.

Having therefore Notice the Morning before the Conventicle was begun, the * Horn being blown, and the Alarm-Bell rung, the Workmen being there upon gather'd together, He made the following Speech to them, verbatim, as is here inserted, ha ving before this caution'd them against POPERY. ome Miles diffant from any Cha

My Friends,

Am forry for the Occasion of calling you thus L together, this good New-Year's Day Morning. but cannot omit to give you a Caution of the Danger that may arise from your, or any other of the Workmen, adhereing to Dissenting Teachers; upon the Expectation of one of them to preach, is the Cause (as I am inform'd) of all this Bustle and Uproar in the Town this Day.

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You all know that I am no Divine, so little or nothing in these Matters can be expected from me; and further than discharging a good Conscience, I have no Interest to warp to any Farty; I shall however, on this Occasion, give you my Thoughts as plainly as I can, relating to these Matters; and when things are set before you in their true Light, if you suffer your selves to be then seduc'd, the Blame lies wholly at your own Doors:

The Business (as is given out) that calls the Dissenting Teachers to this Place, is for the Propagation

of Religion, and the Salvation of Souls. Sun Zen in

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This, indeed, at first hearing, seems to be a very good Errand; and whatever may be in the Rear, the Pretence is well fronted. But, alas! The World hath been too oft impos'd upon by such Proceedings, and we are taught by sad Experience, that the worst Act subat ever were committed, have at first been varnished over with the specious shew of Rietence of Religion. And now for your better Information in this Matter, as I am upon this Point of Religion, bed fore I can come to what I intend, I crave your Palitical cities and intended in the specious of the same upon this Point of Religion, bed tience 'till I briefly him unto you, to such a best of the committed to the same upon the point of Religion.

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Lastly, I shall then give you my Thoughts freely relating to the Ghurch of England, (as now by Law establish d) which I hope will have some Influence upon you, to end employed six'd without wavering in Her Glorious, Safe, and Happy Communion.

in its Nature than Religion, or the Worship of GOD; for the Confirmation and Propagation of which it was, that Heaven hath wrought so many Miracles, our Saviour dyed, and the World was made.

fo there is nothing which the Mind of Man is more prone to embrace, either from an In-bred or an Acquir'd Principle; hence it is that so many different Objects of Worship have been set up in the World, as the Sun, Moon, Stars, &c. But these Objects being still uncertain, rather than sure Work should not be made of the Matter, some have erected Altars for Divine Worship

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3dly, But, in the Fulness of Time, it pleas'd Heaven to put a Stop to this Darkness, and by the Christian Dispensation, the World was fully informed

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Lastly, And of all Churches that profess the Christian Religion, where is none that theld more firm to that Faith that was once delivered to the Saints, than our Glorious Church of ENGLAND, cience to long as Men militable and of some

Achurch, whole Doctrines were deliver doby Christis preach'd by whe Apostles, restify a by Confellors, and confirmed by the Blood of an Innume rable Company of Marcyrsion nivel it is to to

A Church which weacheth dier Members ir ne Zeal towards Heaven without Hypotrifie, or any Motive of Worldby Interest .- True Loyalty to the Prince, without the nice Distinction of preferving the KING, yer murdering his Person True Henefty to our Neighbour, by making our Speech the true Index of our Minds, and our Profession and Practice all of a Piece; and not to delude him with any finister Cant or Artifice, womake him find Efaus Hands Varion, and feeded, as feveral coion sidount christ

-Bur notwichstanding all these Advantages of our Church, fuch is the restles spirit of some of her implacable Enemies, that they omit neither Cost nor Paine to bespatter her Discipline, traduce her Mem-

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bers Jandunden ille Notion of advancing a more pure Way of Worship, endeavour (by degrees) to overchrow the best constituted Church in the World.

This is plain from this Day's Proceedings A for fomet not content to enjoy, in a proper Place, that Liberty which the Law admits; but must come up here, and under the Pretence of Javing Souls, thrust themselves amongst a Body of People, not One in Ten whereof delite any Juch Company. The

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Lown H am for every Man having Liberty of Conscience, so long as Men make Conscience of that Liberty but 'tis plain, itis Dominion, non Diberty of Confedence, forme drive at ; and not withstanding all the loss Expressions, that Moderation's a Virtue, &c. yet if it lay in their Power who make so much Noise about Mathey would never spare the Church of Em/Gyera no Desiferowe have had no Tafte of wheir Kindness and know full-well their Moderation. to

But besides The Affairs of our * Neighbour ing Nation look at this Time with a very ill respect; and indeed, sits is not prudent to have a Company of People of the fiere dutions and establish di Profession gather together bin Bands here, when the Smorthing Reacher string form Due, swent about the Nation, and settled, as several of on attachis time do in any Town of populous Willage y norwithstanding all their specious Presences, lifted up Eyes, and hely Gantson Reople Ham perfunded, had they Fransprod bespaceer her Discipline, traduce her Mem-* Scotland.

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forescen the dismall Consequences on 200 apprehended their prugs Designan they would have did before they would have let them had such leaste Entrance for the People by their Means, bring once made ripe for Rebellion, and it commencing outhe Church was overthrown and destroy'd, buther Balloge murder'd and imprison'd,---the whole Land was turn'd into a Field of Blood, in which was nothing to be heard but the Criesi of the Fatherles, 1915 Groans of disconsolate Widowshire Churabas were made Stabless and Religion was painted on Banners - Honesty was banishid, and the Black of our Nables could not satisfie their Rage; for havingsperpetrated as many or Burday hard wild the blues the Republic the Republic of the leave a Master piece of Impierod 19 all Postering they imbruid their Hands inches Sacred Blands of THE SHARE CENTER WITCHEST AND THE THE BESTAIOE ANDES SANDERS STANDERS WASHING Prologue to all this diffinal Tragedy? LWasic por the they the base of them alleded a same the sed in the sed of the sed this Place, viz. The Propagation of Religion, vin the Purity of the Gelgeli the Glory of GOD need the Hoppyr of the All belonging to Sir William High the All well agreed the Andrew Sir William Sir William of the Street of th relating to the Church a and hinted some of the many. Milchiefs, that have happen diby giving Entire couragement to Factions Proceedings and I shall add d Danger

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Danger these People were exposed; and therefore humbly craved his Lordship's Leave for some Divine to preach in the Place before-mention'd.

His Lordship did not only grant the said Petition, but was likewise pleas'd most heartily to encourage this good Work, as appears by the following Letter

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Mentions Lord bip, it were Injudice to omit in the fail great Obligations the fail Replie

from the Reverend and Worthy Dr. SMITH.

I AST Post brought me a Letter from my Lord, in Answer to mine, wherein I sent him the best Account I could of your law-dable Zeal for GOD and his Church.—His Lordship expresses in what you are doing; and orders me to let you know, how great a Comfort it is to him, that so many Souls within his Care, should be established in the Faith; and to assure you of his Prayers and Benediction upon your Undertaking.—The main Point will be to have a fit Minister; and, by all means, one residing amongst you, that there may be daily Prayers before the Workmen begin, and when they leave Work; and that the Occasional Offices of visiting the Sick, &c. which are of the utmost Importance to Mens Souls, may be duly perform d.—I have promited my Lord, to have some Souls, may be duly perform d.—I have promited my Lord, to have some Souls, may be duly perform d.—I have promited my Lord, to have some Souls, may be duly perform d.—I have promited my Lord, to have some Souls, may be duly perform d.—I have promited my Lord, to lee you as some Souls, was possible. A remain of the souls are sould be some souls as possible.

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Wickham, and Rector of Bishop Warmouth, Once;
of Durham, and Rector of Bishop Warmouth, Once;
Dr. Nath Eller, Vicar of Newcastle, Rector of
Wicking and Collegeon of Litchfield and Coventry, Once; Mr. Wilsox, Sir James Clavering,
Baroner's

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The Noble Lord CREWE, by his speedy granting the Petition, and by exciting his Clergy to forward this Good Work, had a pozverful Influence in bringing the same to a Happy Conclusion; and for which the Inhabitants of Winlaton will ever lye und der the greatest Obligations to his Lordship, and his Memory be rever'd by their latest Posterity.

Next to his Lordship, it were Injustice to omit mentioning the great Obligations the said People lye under, to the Revd Mr. ROBERT THOMLINSON, who, on Feb. 5. came up (with several Magistrates from Newcastle.) and first preach'd in the fore-mention d Oratory, and was very agreeably incommo ded it being with great Difficulty he got into the is to him, that to many Souls right

his Care, thould be effablished in This Oratory being begun, the following Rove rend Divines fee down in the Order they came, did the Factory the Favour to preach to them Gratus every Lord's Day, till the Factory had provided a Minister of their own suz Mr. Rob Thombinson, Rector of Egtingham, and Lectifer of St. Nacholas in Newcastle upon Tine, 3 Times; Mr. Charles Ward, Lecturer of All-Saints in Newcastle aforesaid, Twice, Mr. Forrester Sewell, Minister at Wickham, 3 Times; Dr. John Smith, Prebendary of Durham, and Rector of Bishop Warmouth, Once; Dr. Nath. Ellison, Vicar of Newcastle, Rector of Whithurn, and Arch-Deacon of Litchfield and Co-ventry, Once; Mr. Wilcox, Sir James Clavering, Baronet's

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Baronet's Chaplain, Twice; Mr. Leonard Shafto, Rector of Gateside, and Minister of All-Saints in Newcastle, Twice; Mr. Hunter, Curate at Sedgefield, Once; Mr. Michael Fenwick, Rector of Long Newton, Twice; Mr. Ogle, Minister of Abbey-Holme near Carliste, Once; Mr. Lodge, Schoolmaster, at Heydon-Bridge.

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During the Preaching of these Divines, the Factory were so highly satisfy'd with them, that in June following they chose a Minister of their own; and for his Subfistence did all of them most heartily and voluntarily agree, to allow him One half Farthing in the Shilling out of all Wages they should receive; they having several Thousand Pounds yearly paid 'em, makes the Sum-Total very considerable.

This, with 101. per Ann. given by the Owner of the Factory, pays the Minister about 50 l. per Ann. which is paid in Ready Money proportionably every Week; and is sufficient to yield about 201. per Ann. towards a School, where the Children are taught gratis, and educated in the Faith and Doc-

trine of the Establish'd Church.

The Minister's Allowance being thus settled, the next Thing that was taken into Confideration, was the Building a large near Chapel; and here the good Dispositions of those honest Workmen cannot be sufficiently commended; for upon the Application of the Author hereof twice to them, they gave upon that Account, some 10, some 15 s. and others 20 s.

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a Man; and considering what a Number there are of 'em, it soon amounted to a very considerable Sum.

Money being ready, the Chapel was begun, Apr. 5. 1705. (the Author hereof laying the first Stone). The Foundation was laid upon the Foundation of an old Consecrated Chapel, dedicated to St. ANN, and ruin'd in the Rebellion of the Earl of Westmore. land, in Queen Elizabeth's Time (Winlaton being part of his Estate.) - The Chapel was so much hasten'd, that on Aug. the 23d. following, the same was fit to be preach'd in; at which time Mr. Thomlinson (with several Gentlemen, and a vast Number of other People from all Quarters) came up and open'd the same.

The People did at this Time, in a particular Manner, shew their Gratitude to Heaven, for the Blessings of that joyful Day; and by ringing the Bells, Bonefires, Publick Feasting, &c. they fully declar'd to the whole World how highly they were fa-

tisfy'd in their happy Choice.

In Fanuary following the Chapel was fully finish'd, beautifi'd, and adorn'd .--- The same is very neatly and regularly Pew'd, and hath a large neat Gallery at the West-End; -- The Commandments; HER SA-CRED MAJESTY'S Arms, and those others, &c. web hang round the Chapel, are very considerable Ornaments to the same. There are no decent Conveniencies, such as Surplices, &c. requisite for the Service of the Church, here wanting. The Iron Work ensile s

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In this Chapel the Prayers of the Church are dayly us'd amongst the Workmen; and nothing sure
in these things can be a greater Comfort, to any
who wish well to the Interest of the Church, than
to view such a Number of these People, who before
this time would have been lost in Superstition or
Schism.—Now to see 'em fix'd in the Church Interest,
and every Evening, in this Chapel, praying for the
best of Queens, and singing forth Praises to their
GREAT CREATOR

This, in short, is the Account of the Rife, Building, and Endowment of Winlaton Chapel, which was begun and finish'd in less than a Year; and by which the Design of setting up a Rich and Populous Conventicle there, was entirely disappointed; for upon these brisk Proceedings in Favour of the Church, the Design for the Conventicle came to nothing.

May Heaven still preserve the Church from all sinister Designs; and may Those who wish Her evil, never succeed better, than those did who were concern'd in this Undertaking, and attempt against

Her Interest.

May Her hearty Friends increase and prosper, and may all their good Endeavours be ever crown'd with Success.

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S Obedience to lawful Superiours, is the very Soul of all good Order and Happiness to any Society; so, tho' for the Reasons before set forth, the Factory at Winlaton were under an absolute Necessity (entirely at their own Charge) to erect a Chapel, and have the Liturgy of the Church, and Preaching therein. - Yet upon a Consultation held with the Rev. Dr. Thomlinson, and the Rev. Mr. Malin Sowersby, B. D. the then worthy Rector of Ryton (which is Parish-Church to Winlaton) it was thought entirely necessary, for weighty Reasons, that the' the Law had secur'd to the Parish-Church all Parochial Duties, such as Christenings, Churchings, &c. yet that no separate Communion should be set up in the Chapel .- And the Author hereof, about Two Years before the building the Chapel, having got as much Money, by voluntary Subscrip-Church, after a Grant fielt obtain'd from Dr. BROOKBANK, Chancellour of Durham for that the pole; the same was accordingly erected in the most com-modious Place there. The same is neatly built, hath the Smiths Arms in the Front, handsomly blazon'd and mantled, and in the middle Pannel, in large Letters of Gold, done on Azure, is describ'd by whom creeted .- It was therefore then fix'd as a STANDING ORDER, wit. That on all the folemn Festivals of the Church as Christmas, Easter, &c. all Divine Service at Winlaton should cease, and and the Workmen were directed to repair to the Parish-Church, where they are commodionfly feated in their own Gallery; and fuch of them as are fit, receive the BLESSED SACRAMENT, -- To God's Glory, their own Comfort, and the CHURCH'S INTEREST.

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